

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HJR 40

March 18, 2013

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Establishes a special task force to be appointed by the Governor to review current emergency procedures and best practices for security at schools, courthouses, and higher education facilities in Tennessee. Specifies the Task Force will be organized and administered through the Tennessee School Safety Center of the Department of Education (DOE). Requires the Task Force to complete its review by February 1, 2014, and prepare a written report that includes its recommendations and best practices to be followed and implemented.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures - \$800

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (004700): Adds a representative of the Tennessee State Fire Marshal's Office, as well as anyone else the Governor deems appropriate, to the Task Force. Requires the Task Force's written report and subsequent recommendations to be treated as confidential and not be open for public inspection.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.


Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Public Chapter 548 of 2007 established a state-level safety team to provide guidance to school districts in their efforts to address, plan, and implement a comprehensive school safety planning strategy. The Team is part of the Tennessee School Safety Center and all of representatives of the proposed Task Force are included in Public Chapter 548 except for one.
- The proposed bill includes one non-state representative from the Tennessee Ambulance Service Association not included in Public Chapter 548.
- The additional representative from the Tennessee Fire Marshal's Office is a state employee with access to state vehicles. No additional travel expense will be incurred as a result.

- According to the Department of Education, limited travel reimbursement for one member of \$200 per day (mileage, lodging, and per diem) for four days would be required resulting in total expenditures of \$800 (\$200 x 4 days).
- Requiring the report to be confidential will not have a fiscal impact on the state.
- Any increase in state expenditures to prepare a copy of this resolution is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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